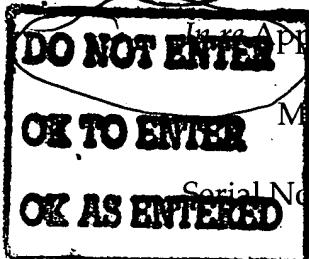




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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**A.) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2003 ("Office Action"), Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks. By this amendment, Applicant proposes amending claims 1-5, 8-14 and 23-26 and withdrawing claim 27, and believes that the amendments to these claims places them in condition for allowance and in a better form for consideration on appeal. The Applicant therefore requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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